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1. FOLLOWING ARE PORTIONS OF TEXT OF LEE-MARCOS JOINT PRESS
STATEMENT ISSUED BAGUIO JAN 19 BEARING ON US-ASEAN RELATIONS
(MADE AVAILABLE BY MALACANANG JAN 20):

PARA 10 (QUOTE) THE TWO LEADERS CALLED ON THE DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES TO ADOPT POLICIES WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE FLOW
OF INVESTMENTS INTO ASEAN COUNTRIES AND EXPAND TRADE BETWEEN
ASEAN AND THE DEVELOPED STATES. IN THIS REGARD, THEY AGREED
THAT ASEAN SHOULD MAKE JOINT APPROACHES TO THE UNITED STATES
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TO PRESERVE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF TAX DEFERRAL FOR
AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN ASEAN. (END QUOTE).

PARA 11 (QUOTE) THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT
THE COUNTRIES NOW COOPERATING WITH ASEAN INTENSIFY
SUCH MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS AS THIS WOULD
CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY AND PEACE OF THE REGION.

THE TWO LEADERS SUPPORTED THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE UNITED STATES, AND THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMIC DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND JAPAN. (END QUOTE).

PARA 12 (QUOTE) THEY SHARED THE VIEW THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE BALANCE OF POWER AMONG THE GREAT POWERS WITH LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN THE REGION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND OF ASIA AS A WHOLE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT PEACEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE COMPETITION AMONG THE GREAT POWERS IN THE REGION WOULD BENEFIT BOTH SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE GREAT POWERS. (END QUOTE).

2. BALANCE OF TEXT (BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES)
PARALLELS PORTIONS OF LEE-MARCOS PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL, EXCEPT FOR PARA 5 WHICH STATES THAT ACROSS-THE-BOARD TARIFF REDUCTIONS OF 10 0/0 TO BE IMPLEMENTED BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND PHILIPPINES ONLY AND NOT ASEAN-WIDE. (DURING PRESS CONFERENCE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHER ASEAN POWERS WOULD FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.)

3. COMMENT: SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THIS IS FIRST OCCASION THAT ASEAN LEADERS HAVE PUBLICLY CALLED FOR US-ASEAN ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. ALTHOUGH SUBJECT DID NOT GET TOP BILLING IN JOINT STATEMENT (WHICH WAS ISSUED IN LIEU OF COMMUNIQUE) IT WAS LEADE ITEM IN SOME LOCAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING BULLETIN TODAY AND GOP NEWS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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